

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>July 15, 2020</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>ND-2020-20-E</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2020-486</u>

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**Order Requesting an Allowable Ex Parte Briefing Regarding Tree Trimming Policies and Underground Power Lines**

**SUBJECT:**

ND-2020-20-E - Inquiry Regarding an Allowable Ex Parte Briefing from Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated Regarding Tree Trimming and the Pros and Cons of Moving Above-Ground Electric Lines and Placing Them Underground - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration a Request by Commissioner John Howard Regarding an Allowable Ex Parte Briefing from Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated Regarding Tree Trimming and the Pros and Cons of Moving Above-Ground Electric Lines and Placing Them Underground.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

I request that the Clerk's Office schedule a an Allowable Ex Parte Briefing from Dominion Energy South Carolina, regarding tree trimming and the pros and cons of moving above-ground electric lines and placing them underground.

As a part of this discussion, I would like Dominion to give an overview on underground wiring. I would also like to know why wires cannot be placed above trees on taller poles and what utility policies are involved with trimming trees within the powerline.

PRESIDING: Randall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>	Military Leave

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

